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SUBJ: EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS AND REDUCTION OF STAFF IN
PHNOM PENH

REF: (A) PHNOM PENH 3777; (B) STATE 075869 (NOTAL)

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VIENTIANE, COMUSMACTHAI, COMUSSAG, MANILA FOR EALG

1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL B PARA 2, WE ARE PROCEEDING
QUITELY TO MOVE OUT DEPENDENT AND WORKING WIVES, USING
COMMERICAL TRANSPORT AND ASCRIBING THEIR DEPARTURE TO
THE DECAY IN LIVING CONDITIONS HERE. SEPTTEL ADDRESSES
DETAILS. OUR TARGET DATE IS MAY 10 OR EARLIER WHEN
HARDSHIP CAN BE AVOIDED.

2. WE ARE ALSO MOVING AHEAD WITH CONTINGENCY PLANNING
FOR A REDUCTION OF STAFF FROM THE CURRENT 197 AUTHORIZED
TO THE 100/120 LEVEL. IN CONNECTION WITH REVISED
E&E PLANNING, WE ARE ALSO DEVELOPING A MODEL FOR A
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50- MAN MISSION, THE SMALLEST UNIT WITH WHICH WE COULD
ACCOMPLISH OUR BASIC FUNCTIONS HERE.

3. MEANWHILE ECON HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN FOR DUAL BASING
ITS PERSONNEL IN BANGKOK AND PHNOM PENH WHICH IS BEING
TRANSMITTED IN AIDAC CHANNELS. THIS PLAN, WHICH WOULD
LIMIT ECON/ AID PERSONNEL BASED IN PHNOM PENH TO A SMALL TASK
FORCE DESIGNED TO HANDLE URGENT ACTION, SHOULD IN THE
VIEW OF THE MISSION BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
REQUEST YOUR EARLIEST ENDORSEMENT OF IT.
SWANK. UNQUOTE ROGERS

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